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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC: SLAHEDDINE ABDELLAH, TUNISIAN
AMBASSADOR - DESIGNATE

1. THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT TO THE
NOMINATION OF SLAHEDDINE ABDELLAH AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

2. CAREER MILESTONES: MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO
AND TO KHARTOUM, ABDELLAH ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE
IN 1957 AS AN ATTACHE OF EMBASSY. APPOINTED SECRETARY OF
EMBASSY AT TRIPOLI (CHARGE D'AFFAIRES) IN 1958, THEN TO
LONDON IN 1959, HE WAS PROMOTED TO COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY
AT RABAT IN 1959. APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN-ASIAN
DESK AT FOREIGN OFFICE IN 1960, HE OCCUPIED THIS POST UNTIL
1964. HE WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY AND
APPOINTED TO CAIRO AND THEN TO WASHINGTON IN 1965. TUNISIAN
AMBASSADOR TO ADDIS ABABA IN 1968, HE TRANSFERRED TO BEIRUT
IN 1970. SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRIME MINISTER SINCE
SEPTEMBER 1973, HE RESUMED DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS IN APRIL
1974 AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO
CAIRO. BETWEEN 1960 AND 1966 ABDELLAH CARRIED OUT
SEVERAL MISSIONS ABROAD: HE REPRESENTED TUNISIA AT THE
17TH AND 21ST UNGA'S; AT ADDIS ABABA AND CAIRO
AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCES IN 1963 AND 1965, AND AT THE
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AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF MONROVIA (1960),
DAKAR (1965) AND ADDIS ABABA (1963). HE ALSO PARTICIPATED
IN THE ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCES IN CAIRO (1964) AND
IN ALEXANDRIA (1965).

3. PERSONAL: SLAHEDDINE ABDELLAH WAS BORN IN KAIROUAN
ON MARCH 25, 1932. HIS HIGHER STUDIES WERE IN LYON, FRANCE

WHERE HE GRADUATED IN LETTERS AND HISTORY. HE TOOK HIS
DIPLOMA FROM THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES. DURING
THIS PERIOD HE WAS ACTIVE IN PARTI SOCIAL DESTOURIAN (PSD)
ORGANIZATIONS IN FRANCE). LATER, HE CONTINUED PARTY
ACTIVITIES IN HIS HOME CITY OF KAIROUAN, HE IS MARRIED
AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE "COMMANDER
OR THE ORDER OF THE REPUBLIC."
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